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In re Application of:

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SYSTEM AND METHOD OF  
TRANSMITTING AND ACCESSING  
DIGITAL IMAGES OVER A  
COMMUNICATION NETWORK

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**Amendment**

In response to the office action mailed September 26, 2003, please  
amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as set forth below:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins  
on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.